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New U.S. Embassy Officers Arrive

The U.S. Embassy has welcomed several new key officials.

On September 21, Mr. Robert Wendell Fitts replaced Mr. Michael E. Malinowski as the Chargé d'Affaires. Once a new Ambassador arrives, Mr. Fitts will become the Deputy Chief of Mission. Mr. Fitts has concentrated much of his career in Southeast Asia. He had a previous posting in Manila as Economics Officer. Most recently, he was the State Department's Director for the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore. President Bush has appointed Mr. Malinowski the next U.S. Ambassador to Nepal.

The Public Affairs Section has two new officers. Ms. Karen Kelley has replaced Thomas J. Skipper as the Information Officer/Press Attaché. She has served in Tokyo, Osaka, Okinawa, Japan and Yaounde, Cameroon.

Replacing Mr. Phillip R. Ives, who is on a study program at the Industrial College of the

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PAS Celebrates the Thomasites Centennial



A Thomasite Centennial marker was dedicated during a moving August 26 ceremony at the American Teachers Memorial, Manila North Cemetery. Participants included (left to right) Fr. James B. Reuter, National Historical Institute Deputy Director Dr. Emelita Almosara, City of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski, Association of Thomasite Descendants President Joselito Aseniero, and American Association of the Philippines President Robert Robbins.

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) established the Thomasites Centennial Project to give over-all direction and support

to a wide variety of activities to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the August 21, 1901 arrival in the Philippines of the first American teachers. Popularly known as the "Thomasites," they established a modern, free public education system; introduced English instruction; and fostered democracy and good citizenship.

Here's a list of some of the Centennial highlights so far this year:

An historical marker was dedicated in Tarlac on the site of the first Philippine public high school, which a Thomasite, Frank Russell White, started. Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Michael H. Anderson spoke at the August 17 dedication program and presented the school with a rare photo of Mr. White.

The PAS created a special Thomasite website (www.thomasites100.org), which has received nearly 4,500 "hits."

ABS-CBN TV produced a multi-part series of two-minute Thomasite feature stories that were aired daily for several weeks on a popular Manila Channel 2 breakfast show; ANC, the all news cable TV station,

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President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo made a special visit to the U.S. Embassy on September 13 to sign the condolence book in memory of the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S. The then-Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski welcomed her and expressed his appreciation for Philippine sympathy and the support being given the global campaign against terrorism. Numerous Filipinos from all walks of life have written, phoned, lit candles or sent flowers to the Embassy following the tragic events at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

New Officers Arrive

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Armed Forces, in Washington, D.C., is the new Cultural Affairs Officer, Dr. Thomas Kral. Dr. Kral comes to Manila from Ankara, Turkey, where he was Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer. From 1984-1988 he was based in Manila as the Regional English Language Officer.

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produced a Thomasite centennial feature which ran during station breaks; and two Manila radio stations, "Joey-FM" and "DWCT-FM," donated a series of public service spots informing the public about the centennial and plugging the website.

The PAS distributed a number of press releases and photos on the history of the Thomasites and centennial activities.

In cooperation with the Metrobank Foundation and in honor of the centennial, the post selected two award-winning educators to receive individual International Visitor grants to observe English teaching in the US. They were Ms. Josephine Calamlam of the Philippine Normal University and Ms. Evelyn Caja of Ramon Magsaysay High School. The awardees were honored at a September 7 ceremony attended by Dr. Anderson, Philippine Vice-President Teofisto Guingona and prominent educators.

Tanghalang Pilipino, the resident theater group of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, produced "One Hundred Songs of Mary Helen Fee," a play about a Thomasite teacher

posted to Capiz. The play premiered June 14 at a PAS-hosted, invitational event in the National Museum. In November, the play will reopen as part of the theater group's regular season. The play was written by PAS cultural affairs specialist and award-winning writer Tony Perez, who also organized an art exhibit, "Passage by Water: In Celebration of the Thomasites Centennial," to honor early American teachers.

The National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) provided the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) with a \$10,000 grant to create a traveling exhibit on the history of Philippine education. All 14 Department of Education regional offices will be given a set to use in local schools.

Some 70 relatives and admirers of the Thomasites have organized the Association of Thomasite Descendants. Mr. Joselito Aseniero is the group's president.

Under the State Department's new "Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation," the Embassy has given a \$10,000 grant to Ateneo de Manila University to help preserve and digitize some 15,000 rare American colonial period photos housed in the American Historical Collection.

The Philippine Postal Corporation issued Thomasite commemorative P5 and P15 stamps. On September 12, Postmaster General Nicasio Rodriguez presented a framed set of the stamps and first day covers to then-U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski during a PAS-hosted reception for some 200 at the Ambassador's residence. On

October 28, the PAS presented a framed set of the stamps to the American Historical Collection at Ateneo de Manila University.

A PAS-funded and coordinated speaker's bureau brought several Thomasite lecturers to provincial venues such as Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Bacolod, Iloilo, Dumaguete, Leyte and Samar.

To help publicize the Centennial, the PAS worked with a private company on the design and sale of three different styles of Thomasite T-shirts. The shirts were sold at major retail outlets and during several centennial programs. Along with each shirt came a brochure on the Thomasites' history.

As a presentation item, a souvenir Thomasite pin was developed by the PAS. It featured the project's logo, which the Embassy's Regional Printing Center had created for use on all Thomasite products and in all publicity related to the Centennial.

The PAS sent official representatives to the Centennial observances of two major universities with direct American connections. One was Philippine Normal University, which the Thomasites founded in Manila on September 1, 1901. The other was Silliman University, Dumaguete, which American Presbyterian missionaries founded in August of 1901.

History of Philippine education conferences are scheduled for November 15-16 at Silliman University and December 7 at Ateneo de Naga University.



Metrobank Foundation Executive Director Aniceto M. Sobrepeña (left) presents the donation to ASAP president Corazon D. Villareal (right). Also in photo are US Embassy Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Michael H. Anderson and ASAP past president Professor Shirley Advincula (both center).

ASAP Conference Draws Metrobank Donation

The international conference on the contributions of the Thomasites to Philippine education recently got a boost from the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., in the amount of a generous P50,000 donation.

Hosted by the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP), the conference was held August 24-25 at the Ateneo de Manila University.

ASAP Holds Conference for the Thomasites Centennial

To mark the Centennial of the arrival of the Thomasites, the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) held an international conference on the theme, "Back to the Future: Perspectives on the Thomasite

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Legacy to Philippine Education." The event was held on August 24 and 25 at the Escaler Hall, Ateneo de Manila University. Education Secretary Raul Roco delivered the keynote address, while US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski gave the opening message. The plenary speakers were Brother Andrew Gonzalez, Mary Racelis and Walden Bello. Local and international scholars read papers on various Thomasite-related topics in panel sessions. A San Francisco-based Filipino filmmaker, Michael Magnaye, screened "Good Morning, Mrs. Kelley!," his new documentary on the Thomasites.

US Embassy Chargé Notes Thomasites' Contributions

The "Thomasites," the pioneering American teachers who came to the Philippines 100 years ago, were "revolutionaries," according to then-US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski.

"The Thomasites saw themselves quite openly and unapologetically as architects of social change, with public education as their instrument for liberating the common people," Mr. Malinowski explained during remarks which opened the August 24-25 American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) conference at Ateneo de Manila University.

The early American teachers "would be delighted to see throughout the Philippines of today an active democracy and a vibrant middle class which did not exist in 1901," the US envoy said. "I know they would be thrilled to learn that the son of a poor Lubao farmer, Diosdado Macapagal, had risen to the presidency of his country — a demonstration of social mobility unthinkable a century ago."

The popular phrase "Gloria labandera," Malinowski said, continues to reflect that concept of social mobility, portraying progress "from slapping clothes on river rocks with other women in 1901 to President of the nation in 2001."

Mr. Malinowski said the ASAP-sponsored conference was a "most appropriate" venue to commemorate the centennial of the Thomasites' arrival and to "recognize continuing excellence in Philippine education." The two-day conference, which Education Secretary Raul Roco also helped open, featured the presentation of academic papers and discussions on the legacy of the Thomasites to the Philippine education



Secretary of Education Raul Roco and US Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski recently opened the international conference on the contributions of American Thomasite teachers to Philippine education. Secretary Roco is shown holding a souvenir Thomasite t-shirt.

system.

Mr. Malinowski announced that, as part of the Thomasites Centennial celebration, the US Embassy would award a special International Visitor Grant for English Education to two Filipino teachers so that they may travel in the US "to gain insights into the latest methods of English teaching and special education." The two awardees, Evelyn Caja of Ramon Magsaysay High School and Josephine Calamlam of the Philippine Normal University, are also recipients of the Metrobank Foundation's Search for Outstanding Teachers Award.

Mr. Malinowski announced that the U.S. Embassy would also provide a grant of \$10,000 to digitize a collection of thousands of rare photographs of the American period in the Philippines. The funds will be used to ensure that the photos will be preserved and made more accessible to researchers. The photos are part of the American Historical

Tarlac Honors Frank Russell White

The people of Tarlac, in cooperation with the US Embassy and the Thomasites Centennial Project, unveiled the "Mr. White Memorial" on August 17, 2001, at the Tarlac State University (TSU), Tarlac City. The marker commemorates Mr. Frank Russell White, the Thomasites, and pioneer Filipino teachers of Tarlac. The event capped the celebration of the Thomasites Centennial in

the province. The historical marker was placed at the Pi Omicron Park of TSU, in front of the Smith Hall of the College of Arts and Social Sciences. This was the site of the original provincial secondary school building, the first to be erected in the whole country, on September 1, 1902.

August 17 also marked the death anniversary of Mr. White, who was the first appointed American teacher for Tarlac province on July 1, 1901. He established Tarlac's first municipal public school and public secondary school. The latter was the first in the country. He also holds the distinction of being the first principal of the Tarlac High School, established on September 1, 1902, and the first Superintendent of the Division of Tarlac, established in November 1902. Born in Millburn, Illinois, on June 8, 1875, Mr. White, as he was to be remembered by colleagues, became the fourth Director of Education in 1909. An indefatigable educator known for institutionalizing vocational education in the Philippine school system, he "gave his life to the cause," as former Governor-General W. Cameron Forbes wrote, "for he died in the service on August 17, 1913, undoubtedly as the result of his labors."

Dr. Michael H. Anderson, Counselor for Public Affairs of the US Embassy, delivered the keynote message. Distinguished government, religious and education officials and historical and civic-conscious individuals of Tarlac and other places graced the event.

Highlights of the Thomasite Centennial

The highlight of the centennial was the August 26 ceremony at Manila North Cemetery. Front row attendees are (left to right) Father James Reuter, novelist F. Sionil Jose, Father Joey Cruz of Ateneo, Dr. Emelita Almosra of the national Historical Institute, U.S. Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Michael Anderson.



The Philippine Postal Corporation marked the centennial by issuing a set of Thomasite stamps. They were unveiled by (left to right) Secretary of Education Raul Roco, Postmaster General Nicasio P. Rodriguez, Jr., and U.S. Chargé Michael Malinowski.



A new Thomasite documentary was screened during the August 24-25 ASAP conference. The filmmaker, Michael Magnaye, (left) is shown with Ateneo's Father Joey Cruz, Thomasite Centennial Project Director Dr. Judy Ick of U.P. Diliman, NCCA Chairman Jaime Laya and U.S. Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Michael Anderson.



In cooperation with Metrobank Foundation, the U.S. Embassy awarded Thomasite Centennial International Visitor grants to Josephine Calamlam and Evelyn Caja (shown with awards). Others in the photo are (left to right) Foundation Executive Director Aniceto Sobrepeña, DECS Secretary Raul Roco, U.S. Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Heide Bronke, and colleagues of Ms. Calamlam and Ms. Caja from the Philippine Normal University and Ramon Magsaysay High School.



The ASAP conference offered a chance for some of the Thomasite descendants to meet each other and share their memories. Shown (from left to right) are Ingeborg Carlson Asenerio, mother of Association of Thomasite Descendants President Joselito Asenerio and Franscisca M. Campos Licud, a student of the Thomasites.

Irma Aldawan, as the Thomasite teacher from Capiz, featured in the new Tony Perez play *One Hundred Songs of Mary Helen Fee*, performed during a special luncheon following the August 26 Thomasite Memorial ceremony at Manila North Cemetery. The event was hosted by the American Women's Club.



Dr. Mary Racelis, Director of the Philippine Institute of Culture, Ateneo University, Dr. Frank Jenista, Philippine history scholar and former U.S. diplomat, and Bob Lane of the American Association of the Philippines, discuss the Thomasites during a centennial program hosted by the newly formed Association of Thomasite Descendants.

During the ASAP conference at Ateneo, the American Historical Collection in the University's Rizal Library hosted a special Thomasite exhibit. Many Thomastie scholars have done research in the Collection.



Silliman Observes Centennial

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U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Counselor Dr. Michael H. Anderson (center) joined Silliman University (SU) in commemorating its centennial August 22-29 in Dumaguete City. Photo shows Dr. Anderson with Dr. Earl Jude Cleope (left), Chairperson, Department of History and Political Science, and Professor Carlos Magtolis Jr. (right), Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, in front of the newly unveiled bust of the institution's founder, Dr. Horace B. Silliman. In the background is the historic Silliman Hall, the oldest building on the campus.

North Cemetery Ceremony Honors Thomasites

At 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 26, then-U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza led a centennial ceremony honoring the Thomasites buried in the "American Teachers Plot" in the Manila North Cemetery.

The ceremony was sponsored by the American Association of the Philippines in cooperation with the City of Manila and the US Embassy, included the unveiling of a special centennial marker on the site where many Thomasites are buried.

Association of Thomasite Descendants President Joselito Aseniero and National Historical Institute Deputy Executive Director Emelita V. Almosara joined Chargé Malinowski and Mayor Atienza in offering flowers while Fr. James Reuter led the prayers. National Artist F. Sionil Jose, Chargé Malinowski, and Mayor Atienza delivered remarks.

Brunch hosted by the American Women's Club followed at Ilustrados in Intramuros, where Ms. Irma Adlawan of Tanghalang Pilipino, the resident drama company of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, performed

excerpts from Tony Perez's "One Hundred Songs of Mary Helen Fee."

SLU Holds Symposium on Philippine Education

Saint Louis University (SLU) held an August 27 symposium titled "The American Educators' Impact on the Philippines' System of Education" as a tribute to the Thomasites Centennial.

The event opened with a historical photo exhibit and a roundtable discussion with SLU deans and faculty members titled "Towards Curriculum-Building in American Studies," led by Professor Charles Hubbard, Fulbright professor of History based at De La Salle University. Other presentations were "Introduction to Internet Resources" by Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) director Eva B. Brillo, "American Women Writers" and "The Thomasites Centennial" by Dr. Judy Celine Ick, professor of the Department of English and Comparative Literature at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, and "Looking Ahead: Philippine-American Relations in the 21st Century" by Dr. Frank L. Jenista, professor of International Studies at Cedarville Ohio University and a former U.S. diplomat in Manila.

Free Press Advocate Jane Kirtley Lectures in Manila and Cebu

Jane Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and law at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication in Minneapolis, was in the Philippines from June 24 to July 1 as a visiting speaker on the topic of media ethics and free flow of information. Professor Kirtley visited Manila and Cebu City for a series of roundtable discussions, public lectures, and media events before media professionals, journalism faculty and students, and law practitioners.

A staunch advocate of free press, Professor Kirtley spoke on a variety of legal and professional issues challenging free flow of information. She addressed topics such as personal privacy vs. the right of the public to information, government restrictions on media, recent trends relating to "new media," and the ethics and responsibility of journalists.

She held roundtable discussions with the Council of the Philippine Judicial Academy, the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Press Institute, the founders of the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, the news and current affairs staff of ABS-CBN, and Cebu City journalists. Other engagements included public lectures at the University of the Philippines on both its Manila and Cebu campuses. The lecture in Cebu was also attended by faculty and students from other Cebu universities and colleges offering mass communication and law. In addition, Professor Kirtley appeared on one of the leading public affairs TV shows, "On Line," and spoke at a luncheon forum with journalists and members of the Asia Society at the "Bulong Pulungan sa Westin."

Coinciding with her Manila visit was the 10th International Conference of the Asian Media Information and Communication Center, a Singapore-based NGO. This venue allowed Professor Kirtley to address media professionals, corporate leaders, policymakers, researchers, faculty and students from the Philippines as well as other Asian countries.

U.S. Judge Discusses Judicial Education

Judge Fern Smith, Director of the Federal Judicial Center, spoke before the Academic Council of the Center's counterpart in the Philippines through a digital video conference (DVC) on July 31 at the Thomas Jefferson

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Information Center at the U.S. Embassy. Led by the Council's chair, Former Supreme Court Justice Ameurfinia Herrera, the group included the heads of the various departments of the Academy as well as a number of lecturers.

Judge Smith gave an overview of the Federal Judicial Center's activities in carrying out its jurisdiction focusing on the critical role of judicial education in maintaining judicial integrity, independence, and competence. She gave a realistic appraisal of the issues that the Center is facing including the continuing problem on the lack of resources (both financial constraints and the decline in the quality and quantity of highly competent legal practitioners joining the bench) and the impact of increasing transnational transactions that now challenge the jurisdictional limits of the country's judiciary.

Judicial independence, she emphasized, is the cornerstone of democracy, and judicial ethics need to be strengthened to avoid undue influence from the outside that may diminish or undermine judicial independence. Judge Smith posed the challenge of working within the judicial system to provide a legal education aimed at an ethically stronger and more independent judiciary. In closing, she encouraged the Academic Council to work with other legal academic institutions in addressing the importance of ethics, dignity and respect in the legal profession, be it in the bench or the bar.

DLSU Holds Seminar on U.S. Regionalism

The Department of Literature and Philippine Languages and the Department of International and American Studies of De La Salle University (DLSU) presented a seminar on "Race and Regionalism in the Literature of the American South" on August 31, 2001. The seminar was conducted by Professor Charles M. Hubbard, professor of History at Lincoln Memorial University and Fulbright visiting professor based at DLSU's Department of International Studies, and Professor Oscar V. Campomanes, associate professor and chairman of the DLSU's Department of Literature and Philippine Languages.

Fulbright Historian Launches Book

Professor Charles M. Hubbard, professor of History at Lincoln Memorial University and Fulbright visiting professor based at De La Salle University's Department of International Studies, launched *Historical Reflections on U.S. Governance and Civil Society*, a compilation of his Fulbright lectures from

2000-2001, at the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) on September 25, 2000. The launch culminated Professor Hubbard's year as professor of American Studies at De La Salle University.

PAEF News

EAC Wins Excellence Award

The Educational Advising Center (EAC) of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) has been honored by the Education Testing Service with the 2001 ETS Excellence Award for Overseas Educational Advising Centers. The award recognizes excellence in programming and services provided by overseas U.S. educational advising centers. The PAEF-EAC was one of the four advising centers around the world recognized for its exemplary performance and accomplishments in 2001. The four EACs will be recognized at the annual conference of the National Association of Student Advisors (NAFSA) in May 2002 in San Antonio Texas. They will each receive a cash award of \$ 2,800.

After a year of the revitalization of the advising team, the EAC of PAEF (Manila and Cebu offices) and its five satellite advising centers located in American Resource Studies Centers (ASRC) in universities across the Philippines were successful in building a new, comprehensive educational advising service in the Philippines to counteract what has been a general decline in the number of Filipinos studying in U.S. colleges and universities. The advising team has the support of the PAEF management and Board, the U.S. Embassy, U.S. State Department, and Dr. Marti Thomson, Regional Educational Advising Center (REAC) director for East Asia-Pacific.

Pamintuan Wins Fellowship

Ana Marie Pamintuan, the Philippine Star managing editor and columnist, has completed a 2001 Jefferson Fellowship to the East-West Center, an internationally recognized education and research organization in Honolulu, Hawaii. She joined seven other Asian journalists and five American journalists in the October 1-28, 2001 program of lectures, discussion and professional exchange. Also, the Asian participants traveled to the U.S. mainland while the U.S. participants visited Asia. Now in its 35th year, the Jefferson Fellowships program is supported by a grant from The Freeman Foundation. The East-West Center was established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to

strengthen understanding and relations between the U.S. and the Asia-Pacific countries.

IRC News

TJIC Staff Join Bookfair Activities

The annual Philippine Bookfair was held this year on September 1-9 at the SM Megatrade Hall. A side activity to the bookfair was a series of symposia organized by the local library associations.

Information Resource Specialist Brinerdine Alejandrino was the emcee for the symposium of the University of the Philippines Library Science Alumni Association on "New Approaches in Document Delivery" on September 1. TJIC Director Eva Brillo was the resource speaker.

Senior Information Resource Specialist, Elnora Conti participated on the symposium on "Challenges of E-Resources in Libraries" organized by the Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) in the morning of September 4 followed in the afternoon by a discussion on future directions of the national library association, "PLAI Agenda for the Development of Librarians" organized by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI). Ms. Conti is a member of the Conference Committee of PLAI.

Ms. Brillo represented the special libraries group in a panel discussion on "How to Handle Donations in Libraries." It was organized by the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) on September 7.

Websites Worth Visiting

Anti-Terrorism Coalition
Enduring Freedom: Foreign Pledges of Military & Intelligence Support
http://www.fpc.gov/CRS_REPS/crsfree.pdf

CNN Map of Coalition Bases
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/military.map.html>

CNN Map of Coalition Partners
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/coalition.maps/>

Department of State Information Page on Anti Terrorism Coalition
<http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/terror/coalitn.htm>

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US Think Tanks

<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/T-tanks.html>

U.S. Law

<http://www.lexisone.com.com>

<http://www.findlaw.com>

<http://www.law.com>

<http://www.hg.org>

<http://www.jurist.law.pitt.edu>

<http://www.lawguru.com>

<http://www.LawyerExpress.com>

For News Search:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/resources>

<http://www.MagPortal.com>

<http://www.thepaperboy.com>

<http://www.altpress.org> - for alternative press

<http://www.newspapers.com>

American Studies

SLU Sponsors American Studies Symposium

The American Studies Resource Center of Saint Louis University, Baguio City hosted a two-part symposium: "Towards Curriculum-Building for American Studies" and "The American Educators' Impact on the Philippine System of Education." The August 26 symposium and photo exhibit highlighted Saint Louis University's contribution to the nationwide observance of the Thomasites centennial anniversary.

Dr. Charles Hubbard, visiting Fulbright professor, started the morning session with discussion on the rationale for an American Studies program, various approaches to American Studies programs and a presentation of models of syllabi of various American studies courses. Ms. Eva Brillo, director of the Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC), followed this up with an introduction to Internet resources useful for developing an American studies program. Using her course on "American Women

Writers" as a case study, Dr. Judy Ick, professor of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, University of the Philippines, concluded the morning session on curriculum building with a discussion of teaching strategies in teaching literature.

The afternoon session focused on the impact of American educators on the Philippine system of education. Dr. Ick, who is also the director of the Thomasites Centennial Project, talked about the Thomasites' experience in the Philippines and the activities/projects commemorating the centennial of their arrival in the Philippines. This was followed by a lecture by Dr. Frank Jenista, Philippine Studies scholar and professor of International Studies at Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, on Philippine-American relations after the Thomasites period and its future directions in the 21st century.

Gil Reoma, director of the Public Information and Community Relations Office (PICRO) and of the American Studies Resource Center of Saint Louis University coordinated the day's activities in cooperation with the faculty and staff of the English Department and the College of Education of St. Louis University.



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